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1. THE FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES HAVE BEEN AGREED ON IN
COMMITTEE 4 (PLANS) AS LOW POWER CHANNELS (LPC) AND ARE
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BEING PROPOSED TO THE PLENARY: 1485 KHZ, 1584 AND 1602 KHZ.

IF THESE FREQUENCIES ARE APPROVED BY THE PLENARY, AS IS
LIKELY, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

(A) ALL STATIONS WITH A POWER ABOVE 1 KW EMRP WILL
BE SHIFTED TO OTHER FREQUENCIES. THIS WILL NULLIFY
PROPOSED SHIFT OF VOA 1,000 KW TRANSMITTER AT
BANGKOK ATO 1584 KHZ.

(B) ALL STATIONS WITH A POWER BELOW 1 KW EMRP
WILL BE SHIFTED TO ONE OF THE THREE LPC FREQUENCIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PROXIMITY TO OTHER LOW POWER
STATIONS.

THE IFRB IS PREPARING A COMPUTER PRINTOUT TO REFLECT
THE EFFECTS OF SHIFTING HIGH POWER STATIONS FROM THE
PROPOSED LPC FREQUENCIES TO NEW FREQUENCIES. THIS
PRINTOUT WILL INCLUDE LOW POWER STATION ASSIGNMENTS
TO THE LPC FREQUENCIES. THERE IS GENERAL FEELING AMONG
DELEGATIONS WE HAVE CONTACTED THAT THE NEW COMPUTER RUN
WILL REVEAL NEW PROBLEMS IN MANY AREAS, THUS
COMPLICATING ALREADY SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

2. JACOBS MET WITH GREED DEL KASTANAS OCTOBER 16.
KASTANAS EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT NEW YUGOSLAV
REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED LAST WEEK. IN ADDITION TO
REQUIREMENTS ON FRG, VOA AND RIAS CHANNELS REPORTED
PREVIOUSLY IN SITREP 2 (GENEVA 7801), YUGOSLAVS NOW
ALSO ON FIVE MAIN GREEK CHANNELS IN ADDITION TO 792
KHZ KAVALA, AND INCLUDING KEY ATHENS STATION ON
729 KHZ. THIS WOULD ALMOST COMPLETE DISRUPT INTERNAL
GREEK MW BROADCASTING DURING NIGHTTIME HOURS, AND
DURING DAYTIME HOURS AS WELL IN SOME NORTHERN AND
WESTERN AREAS. GREEK REP STATED SITUATION IS EXTREMELY
SERIOUS AND THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS BY US TEAM WITH YUGOSLAVS
MUST NOW ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INTERFERENCE TO OTHER
GREEK STATIONS AS WELL AS 792 KHZ., AND SHOULD BE
COORDINATED WITH GREEK DEL. HE ALSO STATED THAT FRG
DEL ADVISED HIM THAT THEY CONSIDERING SUBMISSION OF
CONFERENCE DOCUMENT PROTESTING STRONGLY YUGOSLAV ACTION.
GREEK DEL WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT SUCH ACTION, AND
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USGGESTED THAT U.S. TEAM SET-UP MEETING TOGETHER WITH
FRG AND GREEK DELS TO COORDINATE ACTIONS. MEETING HAS
BEEN ARRANGED BETWEEN GREEK DEL AND U.S. TEAM FOR
OCTOBER 22 TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER, AND TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT RESULTS OF LATEST IFRB COMPUTER RUNS WHICH ARE
EXPECTED BE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 20.

3. FURTHER INRE FRG-YUGOSLAVIA. KUPPER THIS MORNING

INFORMED HUFFCUTT THAT YESTERDAY SAW A "SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT" IN TENOR OF FRG-GOY DISCUSSIONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT FRG TAKING ADAMANT POSITION IN SUPPORT OF U.S. INTERESTS, FOCUSING AT MOMENT ON NEED FOR GOY TO VACATE REQUIREMENT ON 792 KHZ (VOA-KAVALA). KUPPER SUGGESTED THAT WEEK OF OCTOBER 20 SHOULD REVEAL THE REAL NEED FOR DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS.

4. FIRST TWO WEEKS U.S. TEAM ACTIVITY FOCUSED ON FRG AND WSB PROBLEMS, AND WITH GREEKS. EMPHASIS NOW ALSO BEING PLACED ON FAR EAST, WHERE FORTUNATELY SITUATION IS FAR LESS COMPLICATED. WE HAD LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY WITH AUSTRALIAN AND N.Z. DELS, WHO VERY AGREEABLE TO WATCH U.S. INTERESTS IN PACIFIC AND KEEP U.S. TEAM INFORMED. MEETINGS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK WITH PHILIPPINE AND JAPANESE DELS, AND POSSIBLY TAHIS.

5. WHEN IFRB'S NEW COMPUTER RUN IS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK WE WILL SEND STATUS REPORT ON ALL FREQUENCIES OF INTEREST TO U.S. ABRAMS

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